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GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that ten individuals were indicted on August 11, 2004, by a federal grand jury in Topeka, Kansas. Those indicted include:

- **Kathleen A. Salas**, 52, and **Gabriel J. Salas**, 21, both of Albuquerque, New Mexico, both in custody, are each charged with possessing with the intent to distribute approximately 240 pounds of cocaine on July 24, 2004, in Saline County, Kansas.

If convicted, each face a minimum of ten years and a maximum of life in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Hendershot.

- **Gregory Lee Gabaldon**, 39, Scottsdale, Arizona, currently in custody, is charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute approximately 213 pounds of marijuana on July 27, 2004, in Russell County, Kansas.

If convicted, Gabaldon faces a maximum of twenty years in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the Russell County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Hendershot.

- **Frank Thomas Molina**, 63, Bellflowers, California, currently in custody, is charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute approximately 1 kilogram (approximately 2.2 pounds) of cocaine on August 7, 2004, and one count of possession with the intent to distribute 100 grams or more (3.53 ounces or more) of heroin on August 7, 2004, in Geary County, Kansas.

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If convicted, Molina faces a minimum of ten years and a maximum of life for possession with intent to distribute cocaine and a minimum of five years and a maximum of forty years for possession with the intent to distribute heroin. The case was investigated by the Geary County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James Brown.

- **Terry Wayne Wallace**, 41, Salina, Kansas, currently in custody, is charged with one count of distributing approximately 887 grams (approximately 1.95 pounds) of marijuana on January 16, 2004; one count of possession with the intent to distribute approximately 34 marijuana plants on March 31, 2004; and one count of being an unlawful user of marijuana in possession of eleven firearms on March 31, 2004; all in Saline County, Kansas.

If convicted, Wallace faces a minimum of five years and a maximum of forty years for each drug count and a maximum of ten years for being an unlawful user of marijuana in possession of firearms. The case was investigated by the Salina Police Department, I-70 Drug Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Hendershot.

- **Travis John Lambert**, 27, Phoenix, Arizona, currently in custody, is charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute approximately 850 grams (approximately 1.87 pounds) of methamphetamine on August 6, 2004, and one count of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute in excess of 500 grams (in excess of 1.1 pounds) of methamphetamine between July 20, 2004, and August 6, 2004, in Lyon County, Kansas.

If convicted, Lambert faces a minimum of ten years and a maximum of life in federal prison, without parole, on each drug count. The case was investigated by the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force.

- **Marc C. Ward**, 34, and **Scott M. Perrow**, 34, Columbia, Maryland, both currently in custody, are each charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute more than 500 grams (more than 1.1 pounds) of cocaine on August 9, 2004, in Ellis County, Kansas.

If convicted, each face a minimum of five years and a maximum of forty years in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lanny Welch.

- **Joseph E. Adams**, 27, Topeka, Kansas, currently in custody, is charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute approximately 52 grams (approximately 1.83 ounces) of methamphetamine on September 25, 2003, in Shawnee County, Kansas.

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If convicted, Adams faces a minimum of five years and a maximum of forty years in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the U.S. Marshal's Service Multi-Agency Task Force and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony Mattivi.

- **Reynaldo Rodriguez**, 32, Wichita, Kansas, currently in custody, is charged with one count of distributing approximately 25 grams (approximately .88 ounce) of methamphetamine on April 8, 2004, and one count of distributing more than 5 grams (more than .17 ounce) of methamphetamine on April 22, 2004, both in Wichita, Kansas.

If convicted, Rodriguez faces a maximum of twenty years in federal prison, without parole, for the count of distributing approximately 25 grams of methamphetamine and a minimum of five years and a maximum of forty years for distributing more than 5 grams of methamphetamine. The case was investigated by the Wichita Police Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lanny Welch.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Indictments filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.